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**THE “BUYER BEWARE” SCANNER PROGRAM WINS
TOP TEN PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY AWARD**

ALSO: FORTY THREE STORES CONVICTED OF SCANNER OVERCHARGING

The Los Angeles County “*Buyer Beware Program*” was recently selected by the County Quality and Productivity Commission as a top ten award winner. The Top Ten award, presented to the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department by the Commission at their October 29 annual luncheon ceremony, recognized the *Buyer Beware Program* for its innovation, and effectiveness in ensuring consumers pay the lowest posted store price when their merchandise is scanned at checkout counters. The *Program* was selected from among nearly 120 entries submitted by over 30 County departments and commissions.

The County Quality and Productivity Commission was established in 1981 by the Board of Supervisors to oversee County policies and support the implementation of programs that enhance productivity, and improve the quality and delivery of County services. The Commission appraises the Board and the Chief Administrative Officer of its activities, and works in conjunction with all County departments through the Quality and Productivity Managers Network. Other Top Ten award winners this year included the Amber Alert Program, a system to alert the public about kidnap victims, so as to assist in their location, and Empowering Blind Voters, a fusion of touch screen voting and audio systems that allows blind persons to vote unassisted.

As a reminder, persons concerned about possible overcharges at the checkout counter may file their complaints on the Department’s interactive website, <http://acwm.co.la.ca.us>, then clicking on “Complaint Forms” and completing the simple “Store Scanner Complaint Form”.

Listed below are recently completed scanner overcharge cases:

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1. **Albertsons #6189, 2115 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach**
Date of offense: 5/08/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV028
2. **Albertsons #6365, 1855 W. Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale**
Date of offense: 5/07/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV026
3. **Arco Am/pm #82170, 10610 E. Garvey Avenue, El Monte**
Date of offense: 4/08/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV010
4. **Auto Zone #2863, 11104 Ramona Blvd., El Monte**
Date of offense: 4/09/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV009
5. **Barnes & Noble, Inc. #6121, 245 N. Glendale Avenue, Glendale**
Date of offense: 08/22/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$3.99)
Convictions: One count pled nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$910.00
Case #3GL01128
6. **Big K-Mart #4474, 19330 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance**
Date of offense: 04/30/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #03/04-PV023
7. **Bristol Farms #15, 1515 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles**
Date of offense: 1/29/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #02/03-SP104
8. **Bunny's Mini Mart, 906 S. Willowbrook, Compton**
Date of offense: 01/03/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #02/03-SP100

9. **Carlton Cards #131, 400 S. Baldwin Avenue #G10, Arcadia**
Date of offense: 01/09/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #02/03-SP102
10. **Casual Corner Group, Inc., 451 Stonewood Street, Downey**
Date of offense: 08/28/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge
Convictions: One count, pled nolo contendere
Fine and fees: \$406.00
Case #3DW01707
11. **Co-Opportunity Market, 1525 Broadway Avenue, Santa Monica**
Date of offense: 07/24/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #03/04-PV022
12. **Collar & Leash, Inc., 8555 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood**
Date of offense: 06/04/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #032/04-PV040
13. **General Nutrition Corporation, 3234 Glendale Galleria, Glendale**
Date of offense: 09/04/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere on one count
Fines and fees: \$715.00
Case #3GL01273
14. **Guess?, Inc., 2222 Glendale Galleria, Glendale**
Date of offense: 09/16/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$18.50)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$995.00
Case #3GL0128
15. **Joy's Market, 3657 Pomeroy Street, Los Angeles**
Date of offense: 03/12/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV002

16. **K-Mart Corporation, Store#3920, 3610 Peck Road, El Monte**
Date of offense: 10/01/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$4.99)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines: \$1,215.00
Case #3RH02262
17. **K-Mart Corporation, Store #3440, 8909 Washington Blvd., Pico Rivera**
Date of offense: 11/12/02
Charges: Four Count of Scanner overcharges (\$9.86)
Convictions: One count pled nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,005.00
Case #3WH02004
18. **Koshan, Inc., Payless Foods #5, 12301 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk**
Date of offense: 8/29/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$4.59)
Convictions: Two counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$600.00
Case #3DW01461
19. **Kragen Auto Parts #1557, 4401 Slauson Avenue, Maywood**
Date of offense: 02/19/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV007
20. **Long Drug Store #456, 221 N. Glendale Blvd., Glendale**
Date of offense: 08/21/02
Charges: Four counts of scanner overcharges (\$10.17)
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count
Fines and fees: \$1,295.00
Case #3GL01291
21. **Macy's #49, 500 Los Cerritos Mall, Cerritos**
Date of offense: 04/15/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #03/04-PV006
22. **Marukai Market#1, 1740 W. Artesia Blvd., Gardena**
Date of offense: 05/13/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #03/04-PV0039

23. **Marukai Market #98, 1360 W. Artesia Blvd., Gardena**
Date of offense: 5/22/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File # 03/04-PV024
24. **Mervyn's #317, 326 Lakewood Mall, Lakewood**
Date of offense: 7/24/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$2.39)
Convictions: 1 count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,485.00
Case #3LC01002
25. **Notrica's 32nd Street Market, 16100 Lakewood Blvd, Bellflower**
Date of offense: 04/29/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV020
26. **Office Max, Inc. Store #857, 12865 Towne Center Drive, Cerritos**
Date of offense: 10/03/02
Charges: Three counts of scanner overcharge (\$25.60)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,005.00
Case #3LC01005
27. **Party America#1518, 6333 W. 3rd Street #E20, Los Angeles**
Date of offense: 04/30/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV016
28. **Ralphs #173, 9200 Lakewood Blvd., Downey**
Date of offense: 11/19/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$1.01)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$100.00
Case #3DW01952
29. **Sav-On Drugs 9740, 15210 Rosecrans Blvd., La Mirada**
Date of offense: 9/12/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharge (\$4.20)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$675.00
Case #3DW01705

30. **Sephora USA, LLC 1128 Glendale Galleria, Glendale**
Date of offense: 08/27/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (2.00)
Convictions: Pled nolo contendere to one count
Fines and fees: \$640.00
Case #3GL01131
31. **Smart & Final #487, 1550 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., Gardena**
Date of offense: 5/06/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV038
Case #3SA00013
32. **SportMart #638, 11900 South Street, Cerritos**
Date of offense: 2/27/02
Charges: Six counts of scanner overcharges (69.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,350.00
Case #2LC02032
- Date of Offense: 11/06/02
Charges: One count of scanner overcharge (\$18.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Case #3LC01136
33. **Staples #497, 213 N. Glendale Avenue, Glendale**
Date of offense: 8/15/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$2.84)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,005.00
Case #3GL01274
34. **Stater Bros. #70, 12523 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk**
Date of offense: 02/19/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less
File #03/04-PV005
35. **Super Duper Video, 5809 N. Rosemead Blvd., Temple City**
Date of Offense: 03/31/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #02/93-SP097

36. **Target #0226, 2462 Foothill Blvd., La Verne**
Date of Offense: 12/24/02
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #02/03-SP098
37. **The TJX Companies, (dba) Marshalls, 15906 Imperial Highway, La Mirada**
Date of Offense: 9/11/02
Charges: Three counts of scanner overcharges (\$11.99)
Convictions: Three counts, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$2,328.00
Case #3DW01697
38. **Walgreens #5773, 11800 Artesia Blvd., Cerritos**
Date of Offense: 10/08/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$6.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$1,015.00
Case #3LC01004
39. **Wherehouse Entertainment #353, 11760 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk**
Date of Offense: 8/21/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$5.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$946.00
Case #3DW01696
40. **Wherehouse Entertainment #660, 12731 Town Center Drive, Suite E, Cerritos**
Date of Offense: 9/14/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$7.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$945.00
Case #3LC00706
41. **Wherehouse Entertainment#881, 4181 Tweedy Avenue, South Gate**
Date of Offense: 8/15/02
Charges: Two counts of scanner overcharges (\$6.00)
Convictions: One count, nolo contendere
Fines and fees: \$946.00
Case #3DW01457
42. **7-Eleven #16040, 11001 Washington Blvd., Culver City**
Date of Offense: 5/06/03
Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.
File #03/04-PV027

43. **7-Eleven #24904, 1519 Gaffey Street, San Pedro**

Date of Offense: 4/17/03

Convictions: Assessed a \$100.00 civil administrative fine on one count of scanner overcharge of \$1.00 or less.

File #03/04-PV0013